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Troop Trains at Kastrin; New Troops in Neustrelitz, Neubrandenburg and Winsdorf

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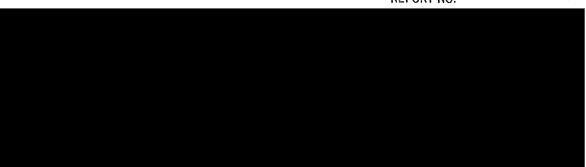
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Mistrin (V66), 9-25 February

a. A railroad worker reports that on each night from 9 to 25 February 1949 one freight train arrived in Küstrin from Poland. The trains were met on the Polish side of the border by German locomotives, thereafter proceeding either via Cottbus into the Dresden area, or via Werbig and Bad Freienwalde to Prenzlau and Nevitrelitz. A large number of troops and much equipment are said to have entervi the Bussian Zone in this fasition.

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On 25 February source accompanied one such train to Neustrelitz, where thirty-eight JS-1 tanks were unloaded

Neustrelitz (U54), 25 February

local residents claim that most troops formerly based in Neustrelitz departed northwards during January. Replacements have been arriving and new strength in the area is estimated at 10,000-12,000 men. A previously occupied area north of the Palmhof has been returned to the German economy and a radio station within it was dismantled during January,

b. The infantry barracks area now consists of its original thirteen twostory buildings plus fourteen new barracks, the latter built since January 1949. Troops in possession are believed by source to belong to an armored division, and an unusually large number of passenger cars suggests the presence of a staff headquarters.

c. Thirty-two large bunkers in a wodded area adjoining the barracks compound serve as ammunition bins and tank shelters. At time of observation, eighteen of the newly arrived thirty eight JS-1 tanks (Cf Paragraph 1b above) were brought into this area, which is fenced in by barbed wire for a distance of three to four kiloneters

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d. Immediately in front of the barracks is a fuel dump, located in a former saw mill, consisting of twelve large tanks three-quarters buried in the ground. Some distance beyond this (direction not given) is a dump reported by a German workman to contain tank ammunition.

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3. Neubrandenburg (U66), 22 February

A resident alleges that all troops formerly occupying Neubrandenburg left during January. Replacements have been arriving steadily and on 22 February troop strength was estimated at 5,000 men. Sixty tanks have been observed.

d. Münsdorf (Z91), 26-28 February

Installations at Winsdorf are occupied by units of 7 Mechanized Division § as follows:

Lutz Kaserne

: Motorized rifle troops. Sheds contain 120 mm

mortars, 85 mm and 100 mm AT guns.

Panzertruppenschule

: One armored regiment whose troops wear black tabs/ red piping with tank insignia. Of 120 parked tanks, 32 were JS-1, the balance T-5- and T-5-/85.

Cambrai Kaserne

One armored regiment and some troops belonging to

an armored instruction regiment.

Heeressportschule

Division HQ and supply train units. Buildings to the south are held by artillery troops recently transferred from Rehagen. The divisional GG is 25X1BOa fru Hermokov.

Hindenburg Kaserne

One armored regiment, most of whose EM appear to be 1928 recruits, with thirty-two T-34 tanks. Also some troops belonging to an armored instruction regiment.

tion regiment.

Requisitioned residential areas: Occupied by armored troops. Twenty-six

JS-1 were counted in this area which lies immediately

south of the Hindenburg Kaserne.

Schule für Heeresmotorisierung: A signal and construction unit whose men wear black tabs without piping.

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Comment: Competent authorities carry 19 Guards Mech Division at Mossen (201), 7 Guards Cadre Tank Division at Jüterbog (E69), while 7 Guards Cadre Mech Division (of Fourth Guards Cadre Mech Army) remains unlocated. The same source reported the departure of 7 Tank Division southwest cut of Kummersdorf, 31 January-7 February.

Comment: For Hermokov read Genmaior Yermokhov. This note suggests that Termokhov may have returned from Moscow, where he was earlier reported to be by the same source, who predicted the General's return to Bünsdorf during February.

